

Georgetown City Council Special Meeting
May 19, 2014
6:00 pm

The special meeting of the Georgetown City Council was called to order by Mayor Everette Varney, with all members present. After a moment of silence Councilmember McEuen led the pledge.

1. **Minutes**

A motion was made by Councilmember Tackett and seconded by Councilmember Thompson to approve the minutes from the City Council meeting May 12, 2014. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

2. **Acknowledgement Receipt of Check Register**

Mayor Varney requested that council acknowledge receipt of the check register. Council members all acknowledged such receipt.

3. **Public Concerns**

a) Damien Nichols expressed his concern about police conduct in the Boston neighborhood. He believes citizens living in and traveling to and from the Boston area are being unnecessarily followed by police officers. Mr. Nichols is also concerned about an incident that took place in the Scroggin Park area. A man was beaten and he believes an investigation into the situation is necessary.

Chief Michael Bosse responded to Mr. Nichols concerns by explaining that the incident in Scroggin Park is being investigated. All citizens involved in the incident have been contacted and the investigation is ongoing. Chief Bosse is available to speak to all citizens that have concerns about the city or officers working for the Georgetown Police Department.

b) Pam Landrum lives on Lynn Street. Ms. Landrum had been followed home by the police and questioned. Ms. Landrum does not want to feel nervous about driving in her neighborhood. Mr. Nichols stated that the neighborhood appreciates the police presence but not everyone that lives in the area is guilty.

Councilmember Singer believes that the Boston area does need more policing and suggested a public meeting with the Mayor and Police in attendance would help ease some of the tension.

Shantelle Givens said she has lived in the Boston neighborhood her entire life. Her children play at the playground and she works hard to provide a safe home. Sunshine Nichols stated that most of the citizens living and working in the Boston neighborhood are working hard and trying to live a good life. Councilmember McEuen commented on several complaints about criminal activity in the neighborhood. He

thanked Chief Bosse for the job he has done since he became Chief of Police for the City of Georgetown.

- c) David Slone, EMS Director recognized National EMS week. On May 9th Georgetown-Scott County EMS was recognized by the American Heart Association for their transport procedure involving cardiac patients. A Bronze award for their system of care, based on quarterly submissions, was also awarded to Georgetown-Scott County EMS. They are one of two hundred and seven in the country selected and one of five in the state. Georgetown-Scott County EMS will be recognized in a national publication.
- d) Steve Price distributed materials concerning historic preservation in the downtown area. Mr. Price is not in favor of the city and county purchasing the buildings on the corner of Washington and Broadway to eventually be demolished.
- e) Russell Miller owns American Cycle Works. Mr. Miller's business is located in one of the buildings the city and county may purchase. He would like to know what he needs to do if the building is sold.

4. **Mayors Comments**

Mayor Varney urged everyone to vote in the primary election tomorrow May 20th. It is a right and a privilege.

5. **City Attorney/City Clerk**

- a) A motion to enter into executive session, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (b) to discuss the future acquisition or sale of real property was made by Councilmember Tackett and seconded by Councilmember McEuen. **The motion was unanimously approved.** A motion to enter into regular session was made by Councilmember Tackett and seconded by Councilmember Tingle-Sames. **The motion was unanimously approved.** There was no action taken during the closed session.
- b) Resolution to approve the purchase of properties at Washington and Broadway. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Lusby and seconded by Councilmember Tackett. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- c) Second reading of an ordinance annexing the Bevins's Motor Property. A motion for approval was made by Councilmember McEuen and seconded by Councilmember Tingle-Sames. **The motion passed 8-0.**

6. **Finance**

- a) A municipal order approving the addition of \$10,875.35 to the telecommunications department budget for the purchase of computer hardware. A motion for approval was made by Councilmember McEuen and seconded by Councilmember Tingle-Sames. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- b) Second reading of bond ordinance for police department building. A motion for approval was made by Councilmember Penn and seconded

by Councilmember Tackett. **The motion passed 7-1, Councilmember Tingles-Sames voted no.**

- c) Municipal order approving bids for the construction of the police department. A motion for approval was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember McEuen. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- d) Resolution approving interlocal budgets. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Tackett and seconded by Thomson. **The motion passed 5-3 with Council members McEuen, Penn and Tingle-Sames voting no.**

7. **Police**

Chief Bosse thanked the Council for moving forward with plans to build the new police department.

8. **Council Comments**

Councilmember Singer was asked by a citizen what the plans were for the Dixie Motel on Hwy 25. City Attorney, Andrew Hartley will check the status of the building.

Councilmember Penn asked if a resolution had been drafted concerning the narrowing of Hwy 25. Several council members replied that the document had been sent to Frankfort.

9. **Discussion of Mayors Proposed 2014-2015 Budget**

Finance Director Stacey Clark asked council if they had any question concerning the budget that was presented at the May 12th council meeting.

Councilmember Singer has had inquiries concerning parking in the downtown area and the lack of enforcement. Mayor Varney said the police department had started enforcing again recently.

Councilmember Singer believes that a curbside recycling program is possible with the sanitation funds.

Councilmember Tackett would like to see the IT “department” started.

Councilmember Tingle-Sames requested a breakdown of professional services for general government.

Councilmember Singer asked about hosting fees. Mrs. Clark said approximately \$30,000.00 is collected each quarter. These funds are moved to debt balance each year.

Councilmember Singer asked if the \$600,000.00 from the landfill was going to capital expenditures. Mrs. Clark answered yes.

A motion to hold a budget workshop on June 2nd at 6:00 PM was made by Councilmember Tackett and seconded by Councilmember McEuen. **The motion was unanimously approved.** The Mayor will not be able to attend the workshop.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Tingle-Sames and seconded by Councilmember Singer.

APPROVED


Everette Varney, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:


Tracie Hoffman, City Clerk-Treasurer